

# Speaker Registration/Testimony

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Aloha Council members,

The current plastic bag legislation is ineffective and needs to be amended to require a higher minimum thickness of any bag supplied at checkout. I agree with the minimum of 4 mils (4/1000th of an inch) and the inclusion of "non-film" plastic in the new proposed legislation bill.

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By including these standards the true intent of the bill can be realized, which is a reduction in single use plastic bags. As the impacts of plastic bags on our natural environmental are well understood, I will not further elaborate here on why this is an important issue to deal with. Suffice it to say that given the existing, weak plastic bag legislation the negative impacts of plastic bags are still occurring.

As the plastic bag legislation is currently employed retailers are circumventing the true intent of the bill by distributing faux-reusable bags, a phenomena occurring because of the plastic industry special interest. This thickness limit still allows for legitimate recycled plastic reusable bags, but eliminates the possibility of faux-reusable bags.

Mahalo for your time and consideration,  
 Nicole Chatterson  
 Co-Director, Wild Kids Hawaii

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